LETTERS - T DRAWER 26 MEETING LINCOLN

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Meeting Lincoln

Original letters describing encounters with the 16th President of the United States

Surnames beginning with

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"I SAW LINCOLN"

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Full Name Allen Howard Taylor

Present Address Delavan Illinois

Date of Birth Year 1850 Month February Day Fourteenth

Place of Birth On Speakers platform at the entrance of the National Cemetary

Where you saw Lincoln at Gettysburg Penna

When You Saw Lincoln on the Nineteenth of November 1863 about 2 P.M.

Remarks: - I have no doul but their is many old people that are older than I am that saw President Lincol But I do doubt that you will find many people in the four state that herd Mr Lincoln make his famous Speach on the nineteenth of Nov., 1863 at Gettysburg

Thanks for Memory pertaning to President Lincoln

A H Taylor

Please note error in filling out the Memorandum on Stationery line. I was born near Greenville, Bond County, Ill. West of Gettysburg Pa. in Mallpec Township Adams Co. Penna

Taylor, A. L.

Delavan, Ill.

A. H. TAYLOR
DELAVAN, ILLINOIS

Sep 2 1932

National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne Ind.

I had the honor of meeting President Lincoln at Gettysburg Pennsylvania also I heard President Lincoln make his Speach at the dedecation of the National Cemetary on the Nineteenst Day of Novemler 1863 about 2 oclock P. M.
I was born near Gettysburg on the fourteent of February 1850.
My age to day is 82 years 6 m. 16 Des

Yours Resp A H Taylor

I always Voted the Republican ticket

Taylor, Mrs. Mary J. Clinton, Ill. Decatur, Ill.
Plead law cases

Decatur Ill
Jan 9th 1932

Mr Terry your letter of the 2nd
recieved as my Mother can not-
see to write I am her Daughter
Mary J Bryant will answer for-
my Mother Mrs Mary J Taylor
as you will see I am her name-
sake I regard to her aquaintence
With President-Lincoln. yes
In Dewitt County Clinton Ill
in the Coart-house she herd him
Plead Law. one was her uncles
divorse Case and he gained the suit-
she shook hands with him also
herd him plead anothe Case
whisky suit - Saloon Keepers sold
to Minors under age and Women
at Mount-Plesent-Known now as
Farmer City - Ill went to the saloons
formed A Club knocked the End
of the Keggs in let the Contents
run in the street and the saloon

Keepers had the women arested
and Mr Lincoln Pled their Case
never charged them A Cent - and
Just Laughfed over the affair
she herd him Lecture below
clinton in Dewitt County before
he was Elected President - but he
was running for the office she
says he wore A frock tail Coat -
With A Duster over it - shorter then
the Coat - Mother says he was a
man of Prayer. one day there
was A child walking along the street
he stoped her shook hands with her
now I see this is A Pensylvania Man
my Mothers Father was born in
Shorsburg Penn his name was
John B Wolfe
hopeing this will be something
new for you I will close
Mrs Mary J Taylor.
940 North Oakland Ave
Decatur Ill.

Old abe Buckhanan

You look very Pleasent-Come in take A seat
This is Part of a song mother
remembers they sang in his day.

Tazer, Wm. H, Springfield, Ill. Decatur, Ill.
shook hands
funeral Dec. 30-1937.
Decatur, Ill.
983 W. View St.

Howard K. Terry,
9528 Wisteria St.,
Bustleton,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of Dec. 28th - I am glad to be able to add to your collection of letters regarding incidents relating to Abe Lincoln.

I was born in Menard Co., Ill., near Old Salem, Feb. 6-1842.

In 1862, I became a member of Volunteer Co. K, 106th Regiment Illinois Infantry.

I met and shook hands with Mr. Lincoln in Springfield, Ill. about the time he was elected president. And saw him again when the body was sent home for burial, after his assassination.

I, also, saw him while his body was in the old tomb, before being removed to its present location.

Sincerely Yours,

William H. Tozer.

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I, also, saw him while his body was in the old tomb, before being removed to its present location.

Sincerely Yours,

William H. Tozer.

Tazer, Wm. H. Springfield State House Decatur, Ill.

Nov. 24-1931.
Decatur, Ill.
983 view St.

Miss Minnie Dill,
Decatur Public Library.

Dear Miss Dill:

In response to your letter to the Review, asking for names of those who saw or knew Lincoln, I am sending you this information.

I was born Feb. 6-1842, Menard Co. Ill. near Old Salem. I met and shook hands with Mr. Lincoln in the old State House in Springfield, Ill., about the time he was elected President.

And I saw him again after he was assassinated, and his body returned to Springfield for burial.

Sincerely Yours,

William. H. Tozer.

And I saw him again after he was assassinated, and his body returned to Springfield for burial.

Sincerely Yours,

William. H. Jones.

~~Titus, etc.~~ Thomas, James C. Washington, D. C. Chicago, Ill.

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Princeton, Ill.

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February 4, 1931.

Howard K. Terry
9528 Wisteria St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Sir:

In response to your request of January 30 I am mailing to you a Roster of the Grand Army Posts in the Department of Illinois. Perhaps an enquiry addressed to S.M.Titus, 360 E.Garfield Blvd., Chicago and to J.H.Cummings, 707 Hinman Ave., Evanston, Ills. might bring interesting replies as both are Civil War Veterans and both came in personal contact with President Lincoln several times. The writer recalls a pleasant handshake with President Lincoln at a White House Reception in 1864, but with no special incidents to relate except perhaps that he was delighted to observe that the President shook hands with him in a plain soldiers uniform just as cordially as he did with a Brigadier General in his gorgeous uniform who preceded him in the procession a couple of files ahead.

Very truly yours

James C. Thomas A.A.G.

Thomas, John H. Newark Ohio - Train platform Dayton, Ohio

R.R.(ROL) WARNER E.D.(EDDY) SULLIVAN

Rol-Eddy HOTEL

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Feb. 28th 1931.

Mr. Howard K. Terry.
9528-Wisteria St.,
Bustleton,
Philadelphia.
Penna.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of 2/21/31. will say: I saw Abraham Lincoln and listened to him make a speech from the train platform at Newark, Ohio, between Feb. 26th and March 1st 1861, (the exact date I don't remember). Frank Munston, Billie Newberry and myself walked 4 miles to hear that speech, and worked our way through the crowd to within 20 feet of the car platform. It so happened, I was the only one of us 3 boys, that enlisted at the first call for troops, for 3 months service, and served nearly 4 months that time., reenlisted on Sept. 3rd 1861, for 3 years, but served during the remainder of the war and was discharged on

over

Sept. 8th 1865. — I served in the following Companys:- First Call, Company B. - 17th O. V. I. - Second Call - Co, D. - 13th Mo. Volunteers, 3rd " enlistment, same Co. same regiment, although it had been designated as the 22nd O. V. I. Co. F. - In Jan. 1903, I applied for a position as Supt. of National Cemeterys. was ordered before a board of U.S. Army Officers at Columbus, Ohio Barrack for examination. Examination passed successfully and was recommended for position. In due time, was ordered to Chattanooga Tenn. to commence work. In 6 months was transferred to Lebanon, Ky., Natl. Cemetery. After the first Inspection (about 2 years) was transfered to San Antonio Texas for 1 year, Then transfered to Mexico City, Mexico. for 4 years, Then to Stone River Natl. Cemetery, at Murfreesboro, Tenn. where I retired on Aug. 24th 1924. Wishing you all the success in the world getting your desired data on your Choosen subject. With all good wishes,

I am, Yours very truly,

John H. Thomas
National Military Home,
Dayton Ohio. Co. F.

Thompson, J. C. Springfield, Ill. Springfield, Ill.
Burial

FRANCIS G. BLAIR
SUPERINTENDENT

State of Illinois
Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
Springfield

June 23, 1931.

Mr Howard K. Terry
9528 Wisteria street
Bustleton
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr Terry:

I thank you very sincerely for your letter of June 19. In the first place let me say, I am not a member of the Lincoln Guard of Honor, although I had the privilege of being present at the last interment, September 26, 1901, as you have indicated.

I did not know Mr Lincoln in his lifetime. He left Springfield, February 11, 1861; I was born near Macomb, Illinois, November 25, 1862. Mr Lincoln, as you are aware, did not return to Springfield during his lifetime.

Mr D. B. Monroe, who was Assistant Attorney General in 1901, was present at the last interment, as you have suggested, and he is now living in Springfield, where a letter addressed to him will reach its destination.

I regard the privilege of attending the last interment as one of the greatest events of my life. Of the 19 persons present, 11 have gone to their reward. Very few people now live who saw Mr Lincoln during his lifetime. Many saw him in 1865, after the assassination.

I was anxious, of course, to view the remains of a man who had become so prominent. The corse was attired in a suit of black cloth, white shirt with collar attached, with a black satin stock, such as he wore during his lifetime. The features were unaltered and unimpaired. The expression of the face indicated, as I remember it, not levity, but melancholy and care.

I regret I am unable to send to you printed matter of any kind. You understand, of course, the place here is combed continually for Lincoln materials.

Fraternally,

J. C. Thompson

Thompson, John

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Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Gentlemen:

We understand you are seeking to find the oldest person in the United States who saw, heard or knew Abraham Lincoln.

John Thompson of this City who is a 90-year old Civil War Veteran has seen Lincoln. Although, he did not know him personally, he met and saluted him.

Respectfully yours,

CHEBOYGAN DAILY TRIBUNE

By [signature]
City Editor

GJT:JES

Thompson, Sylvester — Jacksonville, Ill. courthouse — Greenville, Ill.

Thompson, Sylvester; born Aug. 9, 1840; now living at Greenville, Ill. saw and heard Abraham Lincoln speak from a dry goods box outside the pole hitchracks on the east end of the north side of the courthouse square in Jacksonville, Ill. in 1858; and distinctly remembers him stating that a house divided against itself could not stand; that he did not expect the house to fall but did expect it to cease to be divided. There were only a few listeners to the speech, so it evidently was not made on Saturday, July 3, 1858, for Lincoln is recorded as having spoken to great crowds and only within a building on that date.

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From — Miss Jane Thompson

Oct. 11, 1932.

Thorn, George D. Gettysburg, Address Harrisburg, Pa.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
HARRISBURG

THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Maroh 31, 1933

Mr. Howard K. Terry
9528 Wistaria Street
Bustleton
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Terry:

Your kind letter of the 23d received.

I have no doubt you will be disappointed when you receive my story of Lincoln for at the time I was just a few months over the age of five years, and you will understand that a child of that age has very little knowledge of what is going on in an immense crowd of people.

The house in which we lived was the nearest to the spot where the exercises took place, about 300 yards distant, and my Mother took my brother and myself to see the President. We were mostly attracted by the Drum Major clothed in much gold braid and high hat. When Mr. Lincoln rose to speak Mother made us see him by lifting us up as in that crowd we could not otherwise get a glimpse of him.

It was to us not very solemn or amusing and within a short time it was all over. As the soldiers made a path through the mass of people we were at the front and my brother sprang across the path just as the President appeared. I attempted to follow him and stepped right in front of Mr. Lincoln. I looked up to see who had patted my head and saw that it was the man whom Mother said was the President. The incident took only a few seconds, but it has never been effaced from my memory. The kind look he gave me will never be forgotten.

Thanking you for your kind words and good wishes,

I am

Sincerely yours,

Geo. D. Thorn

GDT:w Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth

Thornton, John

Lafayette, Ind.
speech

Huntington, Ind.

R.R. 4 Box 79
Huntington Ind.
Oct. 8. 1932.

Dr. Louis A. Warren:

In addition to your list of Lincoln
survivors, I am sending the name of
John Thornton, who lives at the above
address but formerly lived at Lafayette
and heard Lincoln's speech there. He
also voted for Lincoln. He will be
ninety-five November nineteenth.

Mrs. C. H. Anderson.

Tingley, Samuel (Lemuel) Fredericksburg Grand Rapids, Mich
4—17—1931

Mich. Soldiers Home
Grd. Rapids, Mich.

Mr. Howard K. Terry
Sir!

Yours of the 12th Inst. duly received. I was born in Hacket Town, New Jersey Nov. 11—1842 and enlisted Nov. 1861 in the state of Virginia in Co. D. 17th N. Y. infantry, and was discharged in May 1863

While at Fredericksburg in the early spring of 1863 Mr. Lincoln came to review the army.

He came on horse-back and the shells were flying so briskly that he did not tarry very long, although we

had a good look at him
as he passed through.
which we never will forget
I sure do hope this
will be satisfactory to you
Am glad to help you
in your work.

Mrs. Samuel Tingley
Mich. Soldiers Home
G.d. Rapids
Mich.

Titus, S. M. Utica, N.Y. Chicago, Ill.

360 EAST GARFIELD BOULEVARD
CHICAGO Feb 9-31

Howard K. Terry

My Dear Sir

Replying to Yours of the 7th inst I did have several - yes many very pleasant visits with Abraham Lincoln & became quite well Acquainted with him & he frequently introduced me as the Man who wrote the book of Titus in the New Testament. He was quite a joker & We had some very pleasant visits when he was canvassing for President the first time. I enlisted in the 110 N.Y. Volunteer infantry. My Regiment was Ordered to Dry Tortugas for Garison duty & While There Dr Mud was sentanced for life for seting Booths leg Which was broken by jumping from the box after the shooting. I was acting Hospital at the time time as the Contract Surgeon was sick in bed & Also Dr the surgeon of my regiment = so it fell to me to receive Dr Mud - Which I did & set him to Work at an

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360 EAST GARFIELD BOULEVARD
CHICAGO

Unpleasant duty which I was pleased to do at that time: Dr Mudd remained there a prisoner till 1894 when his health gave out & he was sent to a sanitarium at Forest Where but he died then. I am 92 years old in May and use the pen as I could. My health is good & am enjoying life at the James C King Home for old Men. I do not know of anyone living who was acquainted with Lincoln Again I met Lincoln at Utica N Y when he was on his way home from his Norfolk speech & came with him to Rochester N Y

This all the information I think of at present. If I can be of any further assistance to You I would be glad to serve You

Very truly Yours

O M Mitchell

Address above.

Tipton, Indiana to see

Judge Green, great grandfather of Mrs. Fred Wilson. Her father, John Trout was about 7 years old and Abraham Lincoln asked him to sleep with him, telling him he'd give him a new dime. Says he did but couldn't lay close to him because he was too skinny. He had the dime for years then it wasstolen by a burglar.

John Trout
Route 3
Elwood, Indiana
Willbe 78 on 1/29/34

Mrs. Fred Wilson 510 East Wayne

Turnbull, David L.-D. Debates Philadelphia, Pa.

T. B. TURNBULL
2229 NORTH 53RD ST.
PHILADELPHIA

Aug 29 1931

Mr. Horace K. Terry

Dear Sir: I am sorry to say that I have never seen Abraham Lincoln when I was a boy about 11 yrs old. he spoke at Monmouth Illinois about 6 miles from where we lived, and I was anxious to go and hear him. but I was the youngest of your boys and they all wanted to go and share in the bright parade. So I being youngest had to stay at home and do the chores. It has been my regret all my life that I could not go. I did not hear a Lincoln Douglas Debate but my father David Turnbull went with Mr Lincoln and heard them all. He was a great admirer of Lincoln.

I know that Dr. H. B. Young of Burlington Iowa saw Mr Lincoln and heard him on the day to which I refered. and would write you most likely if you would ask him.

I am a great admirer of Lincoln and consider him a great outstanding character such as the world has rarely had and I wish you great success in gathering information in regard to him

Very truly yours

O. H. Turnbull

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